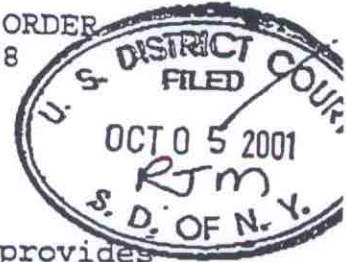


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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STANDING ORDER
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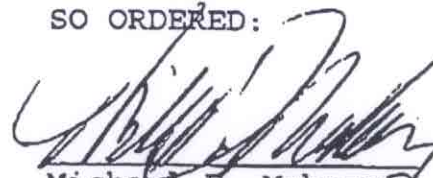
MICHAEL B. MUKASEY, CHIEF JUDGE:

Any protective order in any civil case that provides for the filing of information under seal shall include the following provision:

"Sealed records which have been filed with the clerk shall be removed by the party submitting them (1) within ninety (90) days after a final decision is rendered if no appeal is taken, or (2) if an appeal is taken, within thirty (30) days after final disposition of the appeal. Parties failing to comply with this order shall be notified by the clerk that, should they fail to remove the sealed records within thirty (30) days, the clerk may dispose of them."

This order will be self-executing, in that the Clerk will treat all protective orders that direct the sealing of documents in civil cases as if they contain the above provision.

SO ORDERED:


Michael B. Mukasey,
U.S. District Judge

Dated: New York, New York
October 5, 2001

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